

KIDNAPPERS GET INCUBATOR BABY

World's Fair Child, Now Five Years Old, Stolen from Home in Topeka.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT BOY

Cousin of Girl's Mother Fought Intruders, but Was Beaten Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TOPEKA, KAN., August 21.—Marian Beakley, the famous 801, Louis World's Fair incubator baby, now five years old, who was the cause of litigation extending over several years between Mrs. Charles Beakley, her real mother, and Mrs. James G. Barclay, of Moline, Ill., who had adopted the child, in which litigation the real mother won legal possession of the little girl in State and Federal courts, was abducted at 10 o'clock this morning from 1017 Garland Avenue, this city, the home of her real mother, while the latter was at work downtown as a stenographer. The child had been left in charge of Clarence Beakley, of Jackson, Tenn., a young cousin of Mrs. Beakley, who was visiting at her home.

The kidnappers drove west on Tenth Avenue and headed for some small station west of Topeka. The buggy in which they escaped was found at 1 o'clock, to-day, in a field near the place where the child was stolen. It had been hired from a local livery stable.

What Mother Thinks.
Warrants were sworn out for John Doe, Richard Doe and Jane Doe, and were placed in the hands of the sheriff's force, which is in pursuit. Mrs. Beakley said this afternoon: "There have been detectives and alleged friends hanging around the house all the time, and I have feared that such a thing would happen. Six weeks ago I got wind of almost the same thing, and I have since been able to stop it and break up the plans."

"At times I have thought that some of the most prominent people in Topeka were in league to take Marian from the State. I have an idea who they are, and I am confident that in the officers' ability to catch them."

Marian Beakley, the kidnapped child, was born on a hospital at St. Louis, and was placed in one of the incubators shown at the St. Louis World's Fair.

At this time she was formally adopted by Mrs. James G. Barclay, of Moline, Ill. Mrs. Beakley signed a release, but she later withdrew it, and the child was successful in the courts.

Browning for the House.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21.—Democrats of Rappahannock and Page county held a convention in Sperryville this afternoon and nominated W. J. Browning, of Flint Hill, to represent the two counties in the next Legislature. Lawyer W. Weaver, of Luray, was permanent chairman of the convention, and George W. Settle, of Sperryville, was secretary. Mr. Browning had no opposition, and the nomination is equal to a coronation. Mr. Browning is a progressive business man and farmer.

Evans—Walker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSBURG, VA., August 21.—Professor and Mrs. George William Walker, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, have taken in the next marriage of their daughter, Emma Clay, to Dr. Allan Davidson Evans, of Christiansburg, Va., to take place Wednesday evening, September 1, at half after 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Blacksburg, Va. Dr. Evans is a native of Montgomery county, a graduate of the Medical College in Richmond, and located in the practice of his profession in Christiansburg, where the couple will make their home.

Getting the List Ready.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21.—Internal revenue collectors were today instructed to canvass their respective districts and obtain for the Treasury Department a list of the corporations which will be subject to the new tax embodied in the Payne law.

Election Frauds Alleged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., August 21.—It became known today that prosecution will be set on foot against persons charged with illegal voting in the recent local option election. A judge of election of the Second Ward admitted that he had facts which he expected to present to the grand jury against several persons. It is said that prosecutions are likely also in the First Ward.

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News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
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Petersburg, Va., August 21.

A large barn, with stables connected, on the well known Bilets farm, in Chesterfield county, was burned with its contents last night. That the building was set on fire there seems no doubt, as there had been no fire in or about the building during the day, and the property owned by Mrs. Amelia Naslund, who has recently greatly improved the mansion and other houses, but is rented and farmed by Charles Lundie. Last night between 9 and 10 o'clock members of Mr. Lundie's family were aroused by the barking of the dogs, and they went out to ascertain the cause, but discovered nothing. Shortly afterwards the dogs began barking again, and on going out the second time the barn was discovered to be ablaze in the rear. The building burned very rapidly, as there was no means of combating the flames, and efforts were directed to the saving of the stock in the stable. Three mules, two horses and several cows were in the building, and they were all gotten out. But little else could be saved. Mr. Lundie lost valuable machinery and implements worth about \$400, on which he had no insurance. The barn and provender were burned. The value of the barn was \$2,000 or more, on which there was an insurance of \$1,200. But for the timely discovery of the fire through the barking of the dogs probably all of the live stock would have perished.

Mrs. Tarbox in Court.

Mrs. Mary Tarbox, who is a prisoner in the jail in this city, held under an indictment charging her with the murder of her husband, near Church Road, in May last, will be taken to Dinwiddie Courthouse on Monday for trial. Judge Watson holding a special term of his court for that purpose, as also for the trial of Joseph Simon, a negro charged with murder, also committed near Church Road. The impression is that in the case of Mrs. Tarbox, a continuance will be asked until the regular term of the court in September. She had engaged a New York lawyer to defend her, and he has written that he will be here. But it is thought probable that he will desire to associate a Virginia lawyer with him in the defense, and that time may be needed to make this arrangement.

Cutting Tobacco.

The planters in this section are now making their first cutting of tobacco, and in a week or ten days offerings of primings will be made in the warehouses. The crop this year is thought to be larger than that of last year, and of good quality.

Misses Leticia Lay Hurt and Mildred Gibson, of Richmond, who have been visiting Mrs. J. C. Neal, on Byrne Street, returned to their homes last evening. A hay ride was given in their honor on Thursday.

Misses Lucy and Mammie Wilson, of Mobile, Ala., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Thomas B. Macdon, on Jefferson Street.

Rev. Henry W. Battle, D. D., of Winston, N. C., will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at both services to-morrow. Dr. Battle was formerly and for some years pastor of this church, and he will preach to old friends.

Luther McCray Tesh, field secretary of the Worldwide Baraca Union, Syracuse, N. Y., will speak Sunday night in High Street Methodist Episcopal Church on "Sunday School and Organized Bible Class Work in America."

Little Claude Dean, son of Daniel Dean, of Blacksburg, Va., was operated

on at the Virginia Hospital last night at 8:30 o'clock for appendicitis.

Election of School Teachers.

A meeting of the school trustees of Namozine District, Dinwiddie county, was to have been held in this city to-day to elect three teachers for the new school at Kenilworth Park, for which there are several applicants. The meeting was not held, however, only one trustee being present. The following teachers in the public schools of Tappahannock District have been elected: Disputanta, Paul Rayford, principal; Anna B. Lee, Blanche Young and J. Lee, assistants. Woodside, Mary Briggs, principal; Essie Warren, assistant. Fairview, Florence Young, principal; Pannie S. Wrenn, assistant. Carson, Annie Martin, principal; no assistant elected. Gee School, Mattie Jollie. Salaries of these teachers range from \$35 to \$75 per month.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this city was held yesterday afternoon in High Street Methodist Church, the special subject for discussion being "Non-Alcoholic Medication." Two papers were read on this subject showing the decline in the use of alcohol in liquors in medical practice, and the growing opposition of physicians to the use of alcohol as medicine. Attention was called to the fact that in the Temperance Hospital in Chicago, where no alcohol is used under any circumstances, the percentage of deaths is less than in other hospitals. Henry Crowder, a carpenter, while at work on a new building on Market Street yesterday, fell from a scaffold and broke his left wrist.

Captain William T. Zimmer has issued an order for the officers and enlisted men of Company G, Second Virginia Infantry (the Petersburg Grays), to assemble in their armory on Monday night for the resumption of drills. The company is to be inspected on September 8. The new steel lockers furnished by the city at a cost of \$500 will be allotted to the men Monday night.

MOSBY'S MEN TO MEET.

LEESBURG, VA., August 21.—Mosby's Men will hold their annual reunion this year at Front Royal on Saturday, August 28. Mosby's Men composed the Forty-third Virginia Battalion and operated throughout Northern Virginia, which section was known as Mosby's Confederacy.

On the same day the annual reunion of the survivors of the Eighth Virginia Regiment, Infantry, will be held near Lenah. The commander is Colonel Edmund Berkeley and the adjutant Captain William E. Garrett. The reunion of Mosby's Men will be held under the auspices of the Warren County Memorial Association, and Colonel Mosby is expected to attend.

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BLUE LAWS CAUSE MAYOR TO LEAVE

Young People Practically Run Officer of Marion Away for Signing Anti-Ice Cream Ordinance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHESVILLE, N. C., August 21.—Because he gave his official approval to an ordinance forbidding the sale of ice cream, soda water and candy on Sunday, Mayor D. C. Hart, of Marion has been chased to the tall mountains by irate young women, where he is now fishing.

Marion is quite a summer resort, and in the absence of other places of meeting, the young folks, both town people and visitors, have made the drug stores and ice cream parlors sort of social clubs on Sunday, and when they learned that the Aldermen had passed a law closing these places all day Sunday, they sprang by scores to the Mayor's office and made a demonstration, being under the impression that the Mayor had not signed the ordinance. The Mayor, however, had signed, but feared to say so, declaring semi-socially that Marion would be too hot for him.

He escaped in his buggy to a fishing stream and has sent back word that he will not return unless the Aldermen repeal the law.

MAN ASKS TO BE CONFINED.

Traveling Salesman Goes to Chesterfield Jail at His Own Request.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, VA., August 21.—A strong and robust man presented himself before Justice Robertson here yesterday and asked the 'squire to commit him to a place of confinement, stating that he was in a nervous wreck, and was afraid that he might do himself or some one else harm if unconfined. He said that he was a traveling agent for Kilgore & Company, selling maps of the United States and the world; that he had been advised to drink liquor for rheumatism, and that he found the remedy worse than the disease, although the rheumatism was gone; that he had not drank so very much, but was prostrated on account of worry of mind, and his business; that he had neither eaten nor slept for ten days, and that he was afraid he might do some crazy act to disgrace himself and his mother, whose address he gave as London, Eng. He said he had been in this country nine years. He gave his name as A. N. Pearce, and left the name and address with the magistrate with the request that his mother be notified if anything happened. He had the air and speech of a gentleman, and was very appreciative of every kind act and word given him. Mr. Robertson told him he regretted to have to lock him in the county jail, but that he had no where else to put him, and lodged him there, putting him in the care of Dr. Ragland, as jail physician.

KORESHANS LOSE FAITH.

Failure of Dead Leader to Come Back to Earth Causes Disintegration.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., August 21.—The Koreshan Unity, which recently undertook to establish a colony in Bristol, and whose Messiah, Dr. Cyrus D. Teed, died soon thereafter, is rapidly going to pieces, according to news received here from Estero, Fla., the scene of the tomb of the cult's dead leader. A receiver will be asked for, and the little there has been left of the unity is said. The Florida colony began to disintegrate soon after the death of its second Messiah, Dr. Graves, the Mayor of Estero, left for Tampa, Fla., and Victoria Gracia, who succeeded Dr. Teed as the pre-eminent head of the unity, is also living with friends in schools of Templeton District, where she gave her an asylum.

The tomb of Teed, about which hundreds of Koreshans lingered for weeks, is now practically deserted, and those who were the most devout of the truth of the doctrine that Teed had the power to resurrect himself, are now lost to the world. The cult's leader was not possessed of the divine power to come forth from the tomb.

SOUTHERN LOSES OUT.

North Carolina Commission Requires Company to Provide Better Facilities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., August 21.—The Corporation Commission has won another advantage in the contest with the Southern Railway Company in the growing opposition of physicians to the use of alcohol as medicine. The commission ordered the improvements made some weeks ago, and the Southern appealed to the Superior Court. Now comes the news that Judge M. H. Hays has dismissed the appeal on the ground that notice was not filed by the Southern in the required time. The change called for at Morganton includes a new freight warehouse, located on the Morganton side of the railroad tracks. Under present conditions, all drays have to cross the railroad yards in order to deliver or receive freight.

A charter is issued for the Piedmont Plumbing Company, of Charlotte, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by W. S. Dudley, Krueger, and S. A. Tompkins, for general plumbing, hydraulic and electrical engineering, and to deal in general plumbing and electric supplies.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Postmaster of Weycock Is Fired On in His Bedroom.

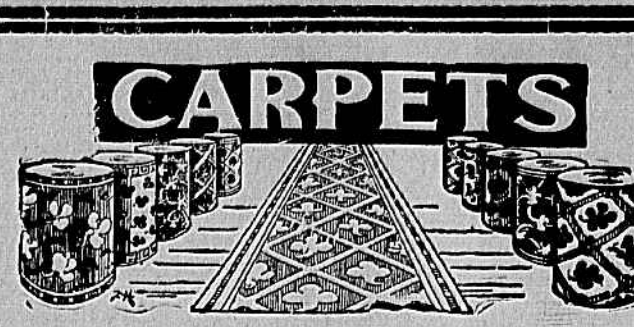
NORFOLK, AUG. 21.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate S. D. Poyner, postmaster of Weycock, N. C., last night by an unidentified person, who fired upon him through a bedroom window. Fortunately for Postmaster Poyner, it was the reflection of his head in a mirror that was struck, and the bullet, which was aimed, with a double-barreled gun, whose load of buckshot shattered the mirror, with slight injuries to a child sleeping in a nearby room, did not reach Poyner. The postmaster stands his ground.

The cause of the attempt on his life is not yet explained from that place.

BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

Italians in Confields Make Effort to Hold Up Paymaster.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
POCAHONTAS, VA., August 21.—L. B. Crawford, treasurer of the 100th Consolidated Soldiers Company, and his assistant Liddle, went from here this morning with the pay-rolls and money for their operators at Mayberry and Switchback. When between these



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denial that there is any foundation for the rumor that financiers representing millions will take over the United Railways from the North American company. Morton Jordan, attorney for the United Railways, and Julius S. Walsh said, "There is nothing in it," when shown The Times-Dispatch wire.

Cannon—Brooks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., August 21.—Cards are out announcing the recent marriage of Miss Goldie Kall Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Brooks, of Clark's Gap, Loudoun county, to Robert Elmer Cannon, son of the late C. A. Cannon, of Leesburg. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, near Clark's Gap, on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Asa Richard, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, Va. After an informal reception, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon left for a bridal tour North. They will reside in Washington, where the groom is in business.

Hot Fight for Treasurer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., August 21.—The campaign for Treasurer of Fairfax county, a position which pays from \$2,000 to \$3,000, is on, and there are three aspirants in the field. The incumbent, Robert Wiley, is ineligible to re-election, and his son and assistant, Claude Wiley, is running. Captain John Ballard, present Commissioner of the Revenue, is also an aspirant. The other one is George C. Pickett, who is a prominent Democrat, who has never held official position. Opposition to Mr. Wiley and Captain Ballard is general, because of the fact that both have held office, and the latter for over twenty years. All are prominent, however, and have a large following.

Amherst Circuit Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AMHERST, VA., August 20.—The August term of the Circuit Court of Amherst county adjourned to-day. No contested civil matters were disposed of at this term of court, and hence there was no civil jury. Also most of the criminal cases were continued. Frank Johnson, alias Frank Cox, was tried on the charge of breaking into a habitation, and was found guilty in county, and stealing a cow, and given one year in the penitentiary. John Jenkins pleaded guilty to house-breaking and was given six months in the county jail. Both of these parties are colored.

Prof. B. C. Bondurant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RICE DEPOT, VA., August 21.—Prof. Bernard Camillus Bondurant, Ph. D. son of the late Samuel A. Bondurant, of Prince Edward county, died at Ashville, N. C., yesterday in the thirty-ninth year of his age. The funeral took place here to-day from Pleasant Church, and the interment was made in the Baptist Cemetery.

Colored Man Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., August 21.—Joseph Sharp, who was arraigned in the Police Court this morning on the charge of the betrayal of Miss Gold Haden, a pretty girl of seventeen years, was held for the grand jury. The court-room was cleared during the hearing.

Colored Man Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., August 21.—Pompey Greenlee, a well-known colored man of Lexington, while fishing in New River at East Lexington, fell into the river this morning and was drowned. He was aged sixty years.

Yachting Party.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 21.—A boating party from Irvington came up the Rappahannock yesterday on a trim little yacht, Lascolla, belonging to J. H. Baugher, of Baltimore, and spent some time here visiting friends and sightseeing. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baugher, Messrs. Harry Le Roy and Bailey Baugher, and Misses Annie, Alice and Brynna Baugher; J. C. Bohl and Thomas E. Abel, all of Baltimore, who have been summering at Irvington, and Gilbert K. Messler, of Irvington. The party left to-day for Irvington, except Mr. Baugher and his daughter Annie, who went to Baltimore by rail.

Railroad Deal Denied.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HOT SPRINGS, VA., August 21.—Pres. J. Wade and James Campbell, directors of the United Railways Company of St. Louis and North America,

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